

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several high rise buildings in the capital and in the NCR towns are not having any fire fighting equipment;
- (b) if so, the details of such unsafe high rise buildings;
- (c) whether the government proposes to take any immediate steps to ensure proper implementation of fire fighting equipment in those buildings; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The position is as indicated below :

National Capital Territory of Delhi - As per the survey conducted at the time of enactment of the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986, there were 220 high-rise buildings in Delhi which did not have the requisite fire protection measures. Fire safety equipments were subsequently installed in 217 of these buildings. Of the remaining three, one was sealed and electricity and water supply of the remaining two were disconnected.

In pursuance of the orders passed by the High Court of Delhi on 23rd October, 2004 in CM No. 6904/2004 in CWP No. 2710/1998 titled Dr. B.L. Wadhera Vs. Government of NCT of Delhi and others, the Chief Fire Officer conducted another survey in which it was found that 2506 high rise buildings constructed after 1983 in Lal Dora, Extended Lal Dora and Non-Lal Dora areas did not have fire protection arrangements. The owners of these buildings were advised through notices published in newspapers on 17th/18th September, 2004 to install fire safety measures in these buildings within 90 days.

Action for non-compliance of the fire safety requirements entails action including sealing of the buildings, imposition of penalty and disconnection of supply of electricity and water connections.

Haryana Sub-region of National Capital Region: The Government of Haryana has intimated that there is no approved high rise building in the Haryana Sub-region of National Capital Region in which fire fighting equipments are not provided. The Government of Haryana has adopted the provisions of fire protection arrangements provided in National Building Code of India, 1983 (Part-IV Fire Protection) and amended the Building Bye Laws accordingly. It is mandatory for the owners of such buildings to get the plans approved from fire safety point of view from the competent authority and also to obtain a certificate regarding installation of fire safety equipment in the building before issuance of Occupancy Certificate.

Rajasthan Sub-region of National Capital Region : The Government of Rajasthan has intimated that there are no high rise buildings in Rajasthan Sub-region of National Capital Region.

Uttar Pradesh Sub-region of National Capital Region : As per information received from the Chief Coordinator Planner of the National Capital Region Coordination Cell of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the position regarding high rise buildings in the towns of Uttar Pradesh Sub-region of National Capital Region is as indicated below :

- (i) Meerut : There is no high rise building.
- (ii) Bulandshahar : There is no high rise building.
- (iii) Baghpat : There is no high rise building.
- (iv) Ghaziabad : There are 36 high rise buildings in Ghaziabad city area which lack fire safety equipment. Efforts are being made

to pursue the matter with the owners of these buildings.

- (v) Gautam Budh Nagar : 20 per cent of the high rise buildings do not have fire safety equipments. Special Beat/Fire Safety Schemes are being launched for adoption of fire protection measures in these high rise buildings.